

US 278 Corridor Improvements

Town of Hilton Head Update

March 10, 2021





Project Management



Agenda

- 1 Project Management/Status Update
- 2 Community Impacts & Enhancements
- 3 Next Steps
- 4 Public Hearing Engagement Methods



Purpose & Need

The purpose of this project is to address structural deficiencies at the existing eastbound Mackay Creek bridge and reduce congestion along US 278 from Moss Creek Drive to Spanish Wells Road.



**Structural
Deficiencies**



Congestion



--Public Engagement--



The NEPA Process

Start the Environmental Assessment

Public Information Meeting **1**

Perform Technical Studies **2**

Develop Alternatives **3**

Analyze Alternatives **4**

Second Public Information Meeting **5**

Develop Preferred Alternative **6**

Prepare Environmental Assessment **7**

Public Hearing **8**

Revise Alternative **9**

FHWA Decision **10**

Public Hearing: May 2021
Pending FHWA Approval

THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR HIGHWAYS

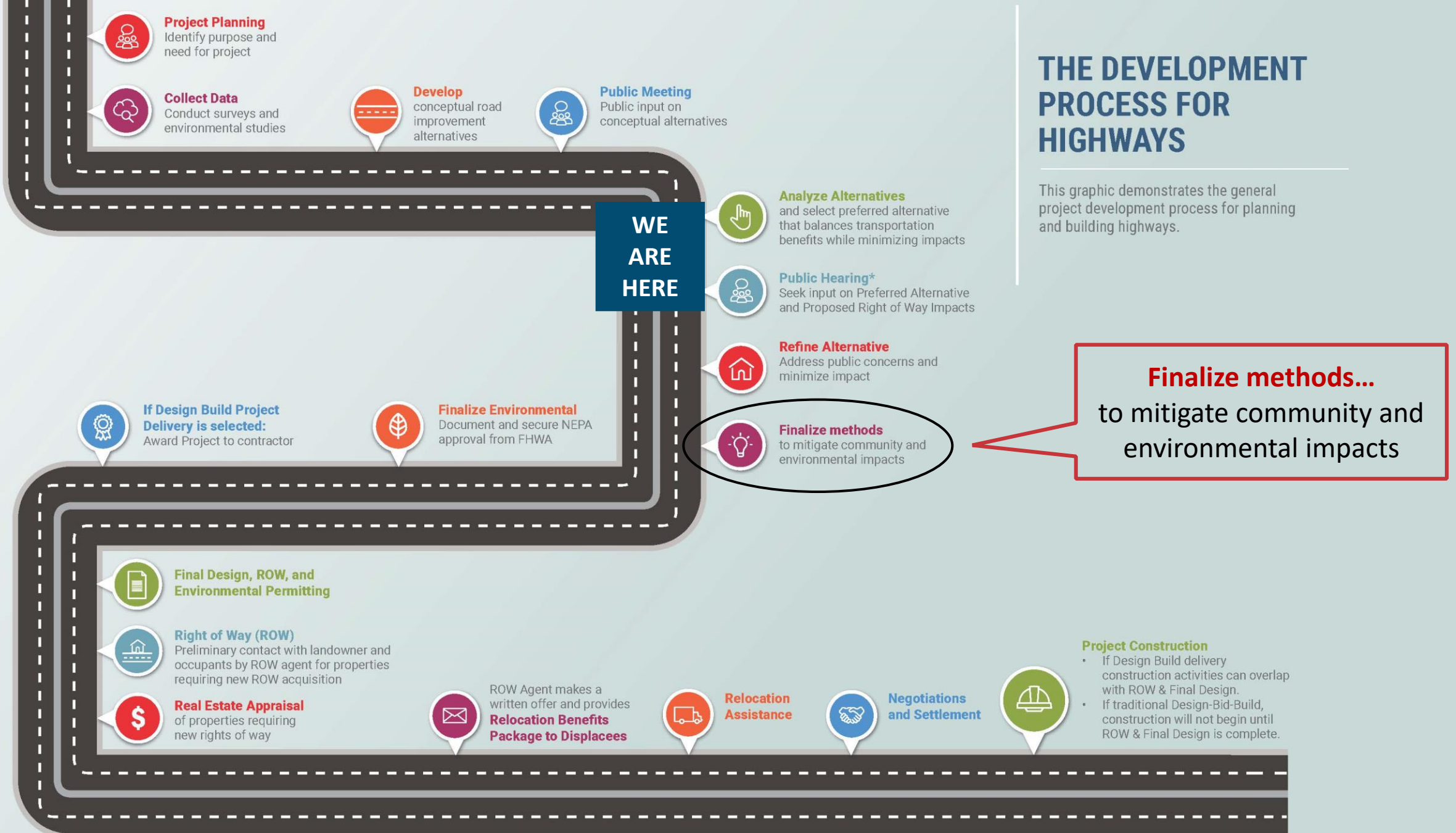
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Community Impacts & Enhancements



Potential Community Impacts

- 0 Residential Displacements
- 2 Commercial Displacements
- Impacts anticipated to the Stoney Community - Recently classified as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP)



Analysis

Suggests Stoney remains central to the Gullah identity:

- Long history of Black landownership
- As a cultural gateway to the island
- As a place of progress, prosperity, and education for the island's Black community



What is a Traditional Cultural Property?

A subset of historic properties associated with cultural practices, traditions, beliefs, lifeways, arts, crafts, and social institutions of any living community - SHPO

Stoney & Community Engagement



6 meetings with Stoney Community
to discuss Potential Impacts &
Community Enhancements



1-on-1 meetings with
potentially impacted property
owners (*underway*)



Stoney Community Enhancements

Potential Stoney Community Location Renderings



Stoney Community Enhancements: Gateway Signage

Adjacent to the Crazy Crab
(Entering Hilton Head Island)



Stoney Community Enhancements: Gateway Signage

Near Spanish Wells Road
(Exiting Hilton Head Island)



Stoney Community Enhancements: Pavilion + Placemaking

Near the US 278 and Squire
Pope Road Intersection

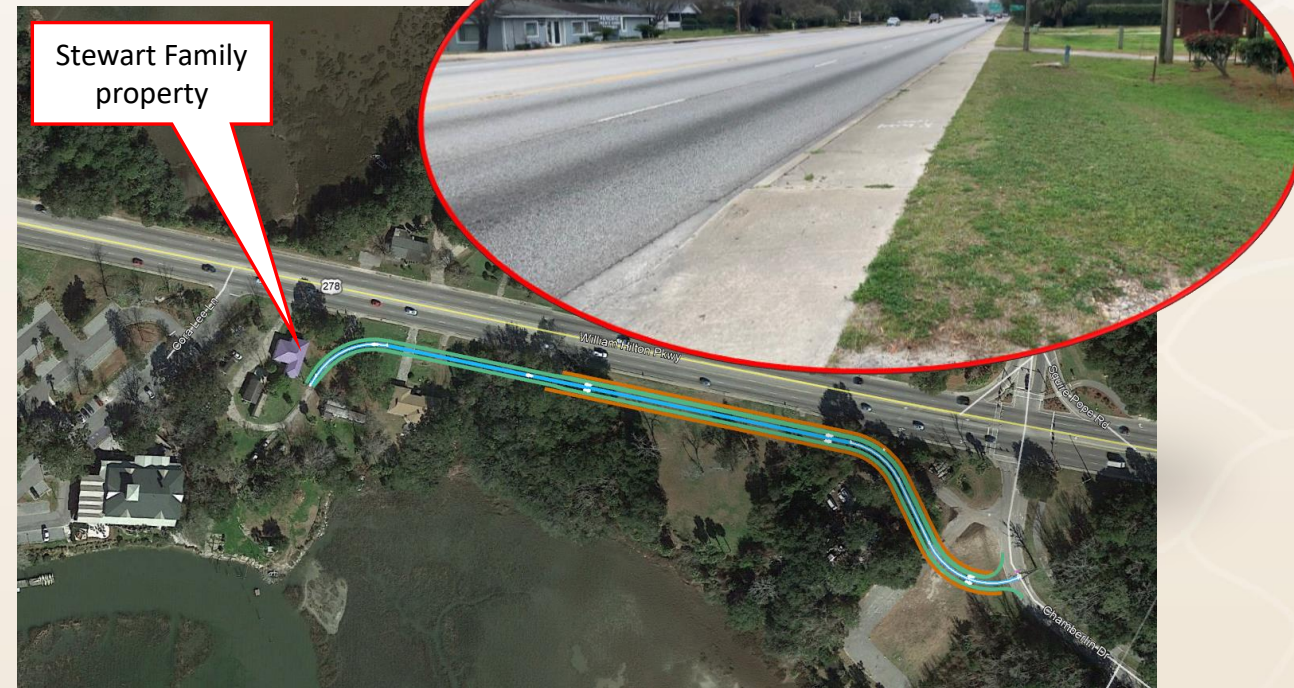


Stoney Community Enhancements: Access

Jenkins Island Cemetery Access Road



Stewart Family Safety Access Road



Potential Wetland & Stream Mitigation

- Multiple mitigation banks are available to provide mitigation services
 - Salt Marsh: Clydesdale Mitigation Bank or Murray Hill Mitigation Bank
 - Freshwater Wetlands: Sweetleaf Swamp Mitigation Bank
- If mitigation credits are not available for purchase Permittee Responsible Mitigation (PRM) is an option
 - SCDOT will investigate on-site & off-site PRM within the project watershed





Next Steps



Upcoming Ways to Engage



Public Hearing

Ideas to Engage the Public During COVID 19

Verbal Comments
on the Project Hotline

On-Demand Online
Public Hearing webpage

**On-Demand Questions
Answered**
on the Project Hotline & Email

Meaningful Input

In-Person
Appointments at
Mobile Office Hours

In-Person
by appointment at an
Information/Comment
Session

In the Mail
Information Packets
mailed by request



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Questions?

